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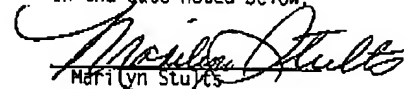
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No. : 10/722,943  
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Art Unit : 3618  
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This is responsive to the Office Action dated January 14,  
2005, the term for response to which expires April 14, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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